



## **GUIDELINES FOR TREE REMOVAL PERMITS**

### **When is a Tree Removal Permit necessary?**

A Tree Removal Permit is required for the removal of any tree 6 inches or greater in diameter (measured 4 ½ feet above grade)

Removal of more than ten (10) significant trees requires a Clearing and Grading Permit in addition to meeting the regulations outlined in Redmond Community Development Guide Section 20D.80.20.

A Tree Removal Permit is not needed for emergency activities, for routine maintenance of trees necessary to maintain the health of cultivated plants, or to contain noxious weeds, or for removal of trees in easements and rights-of-way for construction of public streets and utilities (tree replacement is required).

### **How many trees can I remove?**

If the property is single-family residential, the maximum number of trees that may be removed per year are as follows:

Lots up to 10,000 sq. ft:	2 significant trees per year
Lots 10,001 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft.	4 significant trees per year
Lots 20,001 sq. ft. to 30,000 sq. ft.	6 significant trees per year
Lots 30,001 sq. ft. and greater:	8 significant trees per year

For all other properties, the maximum number of trees that may be removed is 5 (five) trees per acre, per year.

For all permits, hazardous, diseased/unhealthy or dead/dying trees do not count toward the maximum.

**Landmark Trees (trees greater than 30 inches dbh) may not be removed** unless an exception has been applied for and granted. If a property owner wishes to remove a landmark tree, or remove more trees than allowed based upon the size of the property, a written request for an exception must be submitted with the Tree Removal Permit application form attached. **To apply for an exception, the following criteria must be addressed:**

- A. The exception is necessary because:
  - (i) There are special circumstances related to the size, shape, topography, location or surroundings of the subject property; or
  - (ii) Strict compliance may jeopardize reasonable use of property
  - (iii) Proposed vegetation removal, replacement, and any mitigating measures proposed are consistent with the purpose and intent of the regulations.
  - (iv) The granting of the exception or standard reduction will not be detrimental to the public welfare of injurious to other property in the vicinity.
- B. If an exception is granted above the maximum removal allowance, tree replacement shall be at a minimum of three (3) trees for each significant tree removed.
- C. Proposed tree removal, replacement, and any mitigation proposed, are consistent with the purpose and intent of the regulations.

### **Is Tree Replacement Required?**

Yes. The City of Redmond requires that every significant tree removed will be replaced by one tree. Tree replacement must take place on-site, otherwise a fee in lieu of replacement (\$250 per tree) must be paid to the City. Replacement trees should be a species native to the area.

### **How Do I obtain approval for Tree Removal?**

Fill out the information on the Tree Removal Permit Application Form attached and return it to the Permit Center for staff review. Fees for commercial/multi-family tree removal permits shall be \$50 per acre (area of disturbance rounded up to nearest acre is used to calculate fee).



**SINGLE-FAMILY**  
**TREE REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION FORM**

<b>Staff Use: Permit Number</b> _____	<b>Date Submitted</b> _____
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**I. Application Requirements - To be submitted with Tree Removal Permit Application.**

- A. Please provide photos of the trees proposed for removal **only if** the number of trees proposed for removal exceeds the number allowed based upon the size of the subject property or removal of a landmark tree is proposed.
- B. Please provide a sketch of the property with a north arrow, showing the following information:
1. General location of existing structures.
  2. Location of trees proposed for removal. Each tree shall be numbered and shall correspond to the numbered list below.
  3. General location of replacement trees.
- C. If a landmark tree is proposed for removal, the applicant must provide a written request for exception, addressing the criteria outlined in RCDG Section 20D.80.20-090, Exceptions (see front cover sheet). An arborist report shall also be required.

**II. Application Information - To be filled out by property owner.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address of property owner \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Address of subject site \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Lot Number \_\_\_\_\_ Size (square feet) of subject property \_\_\_\_\_

The following trees are proposed for removal:

	<u>Size (dbh)</u>	<u>Species</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> if tree is <u>unhealthy or hazardous</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> if tree is within a <u>sensitive area</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> if tree is within a native growth <u>protection easement</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Replacement trees are proposed as follows (include size and species of each tree to be planted):


By my signature, I certify that I am authorized to file this application as, or on behalf of, the property owner.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date